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1. The Association of Rumanian Engineers (Asociatia Generala Inginerilor Romani - AGIR) was dissolved in 1949 and reconstituted under the name of Association of Rumanian Engineers and Technicians (Asociatia Inginerilor Si Tehnicenilor Din Romania - ASIT). The head office is situated at Calea Victoriei No. 118, Bucharest, and the Bucharest branch office is located at Strada M. Eminescu No. 8.
2. The principal function of ASIT is to disseminate Soviet technical methods and to establish political control over the entire body of engineers and technicians. ASIT receives all Soviet technical literature (translated into Rumanian) through the Institute for Technical Documentation (Institutul De Documentare Tehnica - ITD). ASIT distributes translations to individual factory-groups through its branches.
3. Each factory or workshop has a Factory Technicians' Group (Cerc De Fabrica Al Tehnicenilor) to which all engineers, technicians, and foremen belong, thereby automatically becoming members of the ASIT. These groups are affiliated to sub-branches, and through them to the branches, which are in direct contact with headquarters in Bucharest. Groups hold weekly meetings at which all technical questions and difficulties are discussed with the aid of diagrams and technical literature supplied by members of the group.
4. These groups have a marked political character and mission: their principal purpose is the application of Soviet technical working methods, whether they be good or bad. The Exchange of Experience (Schimburi De Experienta) scheme has been introduced to take advantage of improvements or inventions. Factory delegations make reciprocal visits to works, discuss their experiences, and report later to their groups.
5. Constantin Profir, a university professor and a former minister, is chairman of the ASIT head office. The General Secretary is Oliviu Russu, an engineer. He and 12 to 14 advisers, professors and practical engineers, make up the Consiliul (advisory body), which meets every two months. There is, in addition to the Consiliul, a committee consisting of the General Secretary and two or three members of the Consiliul; this body meets every two weeks.

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6. A second section of ASIT, located in the same building, functions under separate management. It is responsible for the preparation and publication of the large Rumanian Technical Encyclopedia. Dr. Remus Radulet, former dean of the Timisoara Polytechnical Institute, is the Director of this section. The encyclopedia is to consist of four volumes in quarto of 2,200 pages each. Three volumes had appeared by 1952. About 300 engineers are employed in an advisory capacity.
  - a. The encyclopedia includes the following 20 subjects: mathematics, physics, elasticity, mechanics, construction, civil engineering and architecture, metallurgy, mining engineering, thermodynamics, hydrodynamics, electricity, steel and iron manufacture, machine construction, metal technology, wood technology, navigation, aeronautics, aerodynamics, and topography.
  - b. The encyclopedia has a section on the development of technical terms which are translated into five languages: Russian, German, French, English, and Hungarian. Each expression is analyzed and etymologized in articles which sometimes run to two pages.
7. In 1950 the Technical Publishing Company (Editura Tehnica), an organization created by former leading members of ACIR, was affiliated with ASIT. Editura Tehnica now publishes translations from the Russian as well as original material by Rumanian technicians. It also does work for ASIT, publishing 10 technical monthlies and one technical weekly, the Gazeta Tehnicianului. These contain principally translations from Soviet technical papers and reports on production in various branches of industry. Carol Neumann, an engineer, is the director of Editura Technica.
8. ASIT collects contributions from its members, but not in sufficient amounts to cover expenses. Constantin Profir, president of ASIT, received in 1950 a subsidy of 50 million lei from the Ministry of Transport to publish the technical encyclopedia. The amount was not sufficient, however, and further loans had to be obtained to finance both the encyclopedia and ASIT. The loans can easily be repaid, because every member of the ASIT must subscribe to all the periodical literature and because every government factory must buy the encyclopedia for its library.
9. ASIT has a staff of 135 persons, 35 of whom work on the encyclopedia. (This does not include the 300 specialists and technicians who are engaged on piece work.) One-third of the staff consists of women. Shorthand typists working on the encyclopedia must accomplish the following norms:
  - a. Class VII-1, must type a total of 420 pages for the basic salary of 6,500 lei per month, with 15 lei per page for work in excess of this amount.
  - b. Class VII-2, must type 450 pages per month.
  - c. Class VII-3, must type 480 pages per month.

These work norms and pay rates are higher than those paid in the administrative office.

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